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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to protest the current proposed settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case. This is a bad deal for the consumer and for the software industry.

In specific, I don't believe that the current proposal provides adequate reparations to those injured by Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior. Hundred, even thousands, of small companies have ceased to exist over the decades because of Microsoft's business practices. Neither does this settlement further the goal of preventing similar abuses in the future.

Even after being found guilty of being an illegal monopoly, Microsoft's behavior has not changed. Regulation of their behavior, with the threat of severe criminal penalties for failure to comply, is the only remedy that I can see will curtail them. The market must be able to return to a state of competition.

Sincerely,

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